

# Board Approves Calendar For 1966-67 School Year

The 1966-67 school year in Torrance will begin Thursday, Sept. 14, following action by the Board of Education Monday evening.

Trustees approved a school calendar which provides 176 teaching days and no vacation between the end of regular classes and the beginning of summer sessions.

Action on the calendar had been delayed when some trustees expressed concern about beginning after the regular school year. They had suggested beginning school one week earlier in September.

DR. J. H. HULL, superintendent of schools, told the board that starting earlier than Sept. 14 would not be practicable since there are two legal holidays in the week. The first two days of the week would be needed for teacher orientation programs, leaving only one day for class instruction, he added.

No decrease in summer school attendance is expected because of the absence of the normal week's vacation, Dr. Hull said.

IN OTHER action, the board:

- Authorized elementary

## ... Tax Plan

(Continued from Page 1) determine if certain large properties are fairly assessed. "The burden of carrying the cost of government is shifted to the homeowner because influential owners of large properties can hire high-priced attorneys and lobbyists to plead their cases," Hahn said.

IN A LETTER to Assemblyman John T. Knox, chairman of the Assembly Interim Committee on Municipal and County Government, Hahn suggested:

"A simple device to insure equitable assessment would be establishment of a review board similar to the Tax Appeals Boards now authorized and in use in Los Angeles County. Its function would differ from that board, however, because it would see that no property is under-assessed."

"The Tax Control Board could be composed of five members, selected and appointed in an impartial manner (similar to the way Tax Appeals Boards and the Grand Jury are now selected)."

THE SUPERVISOR noted that although it has the authority, the State Board of Equalization does not thoroughly survey every county to make sure an assessor does not neglect certain industrial growth or place the full 25 per cent assessment on each piece of property.

He also pointed out that under present "complicated and difficult procedures," the Board of Supervisors may investigate properties which seem to be assessed too low, but this is "an awkward and impractical solution to the board problem."

Hahn recommended that the legislature act to assure that not one step in sound assessment practices is overlooked and that "all property owners, large and small, are insured of equal treatment."

and high school students to participate in a contest to design an official flag and seal for the city of Torrance.

• Authorized the employment of part-time child psychologists to direct a counseling service for children enrolled in the Children's Center.

• Approved the hiring of soil testing engineers to begin work for the new Grace Wright and Sam Levy elementary schools.

• Awarded a contract to Hugh Robinson and Sons of

La Mirada, Calif., for the installation of cold storage facilities for the district's Food Services Department. The firm submitted a low bid of \$22,460.

• Awarded contracts for exterior painting of five elementary schools. Contracts were awarded to Harold Davison, Anza and Riviera schools; Cor-Ray Painting Co., Flavian and Meadow Park schools, and Kemmer and Son, Sepulveda School. Total value of the contracts is about \$38,000.

## Finalists For Award Selected

Seven area residents have been named finalists in the first annual Brotherhood Award competition by members of a 16-man selection committee.

Finalists include Robert L. Pearlston of Torrance, Robert Peterson of Hermosa Beach, Bernice Garrett and L. T. Thompson of Manhattan Beach, and Bonnie Bosard, Lynne A. Frantz, and Herbert Jackson, all of Redondo Beach.

The award will be presented Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the conclusion of a month-long Inter-Faith Dialogue program being sponsored by the South Bay Community Relations Council and the ministerial associations and chambers of commerce in Torrance and three beach cities.

The selection committee is composed of a minister of each faith, three newspaper publishers, school superintendents from area school districts, and city and chamber managers of the four communities.

## Beauty Plan Approved by Councilmen

Plans to beautify the Torrance Boulevard entrance on the eastern edge of the city moved a step closer to reality last night when the City Council awarded a contract for the designing of a major intersection in the area.

Franklyn O. Myers, Consulting Engineers, got the contract award under a maximum fee quotation of \$2,200. Myers will prepare designs for the five-point intersection of Torrance Boulevard with Cabrillo Avenue.

## Festival Date Set

The Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department's 16th annual Wisteria Festival will be held Sunday, March 27, at Banning Park, 1331 Eubank St., Wilmington.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, which plans the event, said the date coincides with the blooming season of a 100-year-old wisteria vine planted by the late Gen. Phineas Banning's gardener.

# Employees Pledge \$180,000 Exams for For United Appeal Drive Two City Jobs Set

More than 9,500 employees of the General Telephone Co. have pledged to contribute \$180,883.67 to the United Appeal this year, according to Bernard LeBaron, South Bay division manager of the utility.

"This is the tenth year that General Telephone and the Communications Workers of America have worked together on this drive to solicit funds for the worthy cause," LeBaron said.

The more than \$180,000 pledged is a new all-time high, LeBaron pointed out. It represents an average of \$19.04 per employee.

United Appeal is the name given to committees formed within the General Telephone Co. to implement annual

drives among employees for charitable organizations. Funds, which are deducted from payroll checks, are distributed to such agencies as the Heart Fund, the Red Cross, and the Cancer Fund.

Kenneth A. Miller, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Miller, 20321 Brendo Ave., was promoted to specialist four Jan. 14 while assigned to the Artillery in Germany.

Specialist four is an enlisted rank equivalent to the rank of corporal.

Specialist Miller, a track vehicle mechanic with Service Battery of the artillery's 6th Battalion, entered the Army in June 1964, received basic training at Fort Ord and was last stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

## Two City Jobs Set

Open and promotional examinations for a senior plumbing inspector and a bus attendant have been announced by the city of Torrance.

Written civil service examinations for the bus attendant are scheduled Feb. 26, while the examination for the plumbing inspector will be held March 12.

Salary for the inspector is from \$748 to \$824 per month. The bus attendant's salary is \$472 to \$520 per month. The residence requirement for the plumbing inspector has been waived for the examination, but a successful candidate must move into the city within six months of the appointment.

# OBITUARIES

## Lee R. Brandon

Funeral services for Lee Roy Brandon, 72, who lived at 24256 Senator Ave., Harbor City, were scheduled in the Stone and Myers Chapel of the Bells at 11 a.m. today with the Rev. Eldon Durham, pastor of St. Marks Presbyterian Church of Lomita, as the officiant. Mr. Brandon, a resident here for 46 years, died Sunday. He was born in Arkansas on March 21, 1893.

He is survived by a daughter, Virginia Leib, of Harbor City; and a son, Leroy, of Lomita. Also surviving him are a sister, Melissa Lea of Los Angeles, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Inurnment has been scheduled in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

## Earl R. Hacker

Funeral services for Earl Raymond Hacker, 70, of 1021 Cravens Ave., are being scheduled in Purcell, Oklahoma where interment is planned. Mr. Hacker, who was born in Missouri on May 15, 1895, died Tuesday. He had lived here 15 years.

He is survived by his widow, Dola; a son, Harold, of Walnut Creek; daughters Lucille Ward, Mary Bell White, Vera Dean, and Kay Tyler, all of Torrance, and Billie Graves of Kansas; Also surviving are a sister, Edna Royal, of Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Local arrangements are under the direction of Stone and Myers Mortuary.

## ... Bond Vote

(Continued from Page 1) ed, said, "I want to congratulate the Press-Herald for its courageous stand and for the complete coverage given the issues. Only through such coverage can an educated electorate vote intelligently."

"In the near future," Lynn continued, "the board will sit down and draw up a reasonable bond issue — with the water out it — somewhere in the neighborhood of \$9 million."

A NEW proposal can be submitted to voters as early as the June 7 primary election under state law.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the board, made no comment following her appearance at board offices last night. During the election debate, however, Mrs. Watts said several times she would not favor a new election this year.

Voters have rejected only one other school bond issue in the 17-year history of the Torrance Unified School District. The first defeat was registered in the fall of 1963, however, the issue was approved in April, 1963.

## ... Council

(Continued from Page 1) Remelmeier told councilmen they did not have jurisdiction in the matter.

The city's Civil Service Commission, which must hear protests about the appointment, will consider it next Monday evening.

IN A SECOND action last night, the council approved two new ordinances directed at controlling the spread of beer bars in the city. The ordinances were prepared by Remelmeier in response to complaints voiced last week by J. A. Beasley.

The new ordinances require a conditional use permit for any type of on-sale license for alcoholic beverages and permit councilmen to protest any decision to issue a conditional use permit for such an establishment.

Both measures also were adopted as emergency ordinances.

Similar ordinances are now in effect, but are limited only to beer and wine licenses. A decision by the City's Planning Commission may be appealed by an applicant under the present ordinance, but councilmen may not raise the issue themselves. The new ordinance is designed to establish the council's jurisdiction.

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